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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: (A) STATE 84784 (B) JIDDA 2645

1. PARA 12 OF REF A REQUESTED OUR COMMENTS WHETHER FLYING
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VISIT BY UN REP TO RIYADH COULD BE HELPFUL IN GETTING SAUDI
ASSISTANCE IN PRESSING PALESTINIANS AND SYRIANS TO SUPPORT
CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH LEBANON.

2. WE BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOT BE HARMFUL AND COULD
EVEN BE USEFUL IN EMPHASIZING UN'S DETERMINATION TO PLAY
EFFECTIVE ROLE IN SOUTH LEBANON AND ITS DESIRE TO HAVE COOP-

ERATION OF ALL PARTIES. SAG IS VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING
LEBANESE AUTHORITY RESTORED, NOT ONLY IN SOUTH BUT THROUGH-
OUT COUNTRY, SO THAT SYRIAN TROOPS CAN BE WITHDRAWN AND ADF
DISMANTLED. IT HAS HOPES THAT DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL AND
RESTORATION OF STABILITY IN SOUTH WILL PROVE TO BE STEP IN
THAT DIRECTION AND IT WILL DO ITS BEST BEHIND THE SCENES
TO KEEP CEASE-FIRE FROM BREAKING DOWN. AS POINTED OUT IN
REF B, HOWEVER, SAG DOES NOT WANT TO BE SEEN PRESSING
PALESTINIANS TOO OFTEN NOT TO ATTACK ISRAELIS. SIMILARLY,
IT DOES NOT WANT TO BE SEEN TOO OFTEN PRESSING SYRIAN TO
HINDER ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINAINS BY OTHER ARAB STATES.
ACTIONS SUCH AS THESE COULD MAKE THEM VULNERABLE TO CHARGES
BY LIBYA OR ONE OF OTHER REJECTIONIST STATES THAT IT IS
ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT ISRAEL FROM PALESTINIANS. REPLY OF
SAG TO UN REP WILL BE THAT BEST SOLUTION IS TO GET ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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